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April 28, 2017

Kris Monteith
Acting Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Notice of Discontinuance of Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service Under Tariff and Change to Offering of Broadband Internet Access Transmission Services on a Private Carriage Basis Only

GN Docket No. 14-28; CC Docket No. 02-33; WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Monteith,

Pursuant to the 2006 *Wireline Broadband Classification Order*¹, the 2016 *Rate-of-Return Reform Order*², and the *Open Internet Order*³, Great Plains Communications, Inc., Study Area Code 371577, is hereby providing the FCC with the attached notice of the Company's discontinuance of consumer broadband-only loop (CBOL) service under tariff effective July 1, 2017. Great Plains Communications, Inc. had detariffed its broadband Internet access transmission services at an earlier date prior to the establishment of the CBOL service. In addition, the Company will offer and provide broadband Internet access transmission service including CBOL only to its affiliated Internet service provider on a private carriage basis.

Following the notice to the FCC is the notice that Great Plains Communications, Inc. furnished its affiliated Internet service provider, which is presently the only customer of the Company's broadband Internet access transmission service.

A copy of this notice is also being sent to the Nebraska Public Service Commission, the Governor of Nebraska, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense.

¹ *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities et al.*, CC Docket No. 02-33 *et al.*, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-150 (rel. Sept. 23, 2005), para. 101 (*Wireline Broadband Classification Order*).

² *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 3087, 3159, para. 193 (2016) (*Rate-of-Return Reform Order*).

³ *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14.28, Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Order, and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 30 FCC Rcd 5601, Para 460 and n. 1378 (2015).



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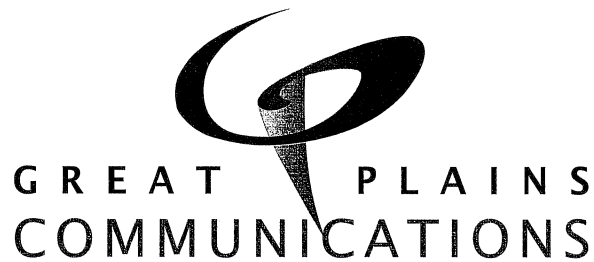
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney L. Thiemann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rodney L. Thiemann
Sr. Director of Regulatory Finances
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Attachment



Great Plains Communications, Inc.
Study Area Code 371577

Notice of Discontinuance of Consumer Broadband Only Loop Service Under Tariff
CC Docket No. 02-33
GN Docket No. 14-28
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Great Plains Communications, Inc. currently offers consumer broadband-only loop service under tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Great Plains Communications, Inc. hereby provides notice that the Company has requested from NECA that it remove the Company as a provider of Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Services under Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, effective July 1, 2017. Great Plains Communications, Inc. had previously ceased offering Digital Subscriber Line Access service under tariff and currently offers on a detariffed basis.

Great Plains Communications, Inc. will continue to provide broadband Internet access transmission service on a permissive detariffed basis and on a private carriage basis exclusively to its affiliate Internet service provider (ISP). Since the Company will cease to offer its broadband Internet access transmission on a common carrier basis, it is no longer necessary for it to make public the rates, terms, and conditions of the service. Instead, the rates, terms and conditions of the service will be furnished upon request to its affiliate ISP via intercompany memorandum.

The permissive detariffing of Great Plains Communications, Inc.'s broadband Internet access and CBOL service will apply to the entirety of the Company's study area. This includes the following exchanges: Archer, Arnold, Bancroft, Beemer, Belgrade, Bloomfield, Byron, Callaway, Cedar Rapids, Center, Chapman, Chester, Cody, Cotesfield, Creighton, Crofton, Crookston, Culbertson, Deshler, Dodge, Elgin, Ewing, Gordon, Grant, Hay Springs, Hayes Center, Herman, Huntley/Ragan, Imperial, Indianola, Kilgore, Merriman, Mirage Flats, Niobrara, North Bend, Oakdale, Oconto, Page, Palisade, Petersburg, Ponca, Primrose, Red Cloud, Rushville, Scribner, Snyder, Spalding, St. Edward, Stapleton, Stratton, Sutherland, Trenton, Tryon, Venango, Verdigre, Walnut, Wausa, Wilcox, Winnetoon, Wisner, Wolbach, Wood Lake and Wynot.

Presently, Great Plains Communications, Inc.'s only customer for its broadband Internet access transmission service is the Company's own non-regulated ISP affiliate. The Company's affiliated ISP purchases broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service for use as an input to the retail broadband Internet access services it offers to residential and business end-user customers. The discontinuance of the tariffed offering of CBOL and the change to offering under a private carriage arrangement will have no effect on the end-user services provided by the Company's affiliated ISP.



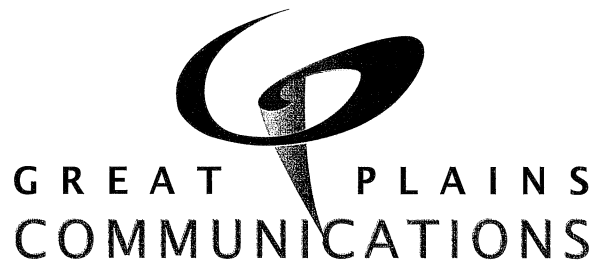
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On April 27, 2017, Great Plains Communications, Inc. furnished its affiliated ISP with the attached memorandum, which notifies the ISP of the Company's plan to discontinue its provisioning of CBOL service under tariff and change to a private carriage basis exclusively.

cc: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Governor of Nebraska

Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense



To: Mike Huggenberger, Netlink, Inc.

From: Janelle Allison, Great Plains Communications, Inc.

Date: April 27, 2017

RE: Notice of Detariffing Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service and Change to Private Carriage Offering

This is to notify you of a change in the way in which Great Plains Communications, Inc. provides broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service, which is used as an input for the broadband Internet access services that you offer to residential and business end-user customers.

Presently, Great Plains Communications, Inc. provides CBOL service under tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Effective July 1, 2017, Great Plains Communications, Inc. will no longer offer its CBOL service under the NECA tariff. Instead, it will offer the service on a detariffed basis similar to how Great Plains Communications, Inc. provides your current broadband Internet access transmission service. Additionally, Great Plains Communications, Inc. will be changing the overall service offering to a private carriage basis. Service offerings on a private carriage basis are made exclusively to affiliate companies of Great Plains Communications, Inc. As an affiliate of Great Plains Communications, Inc. all rates, terms and conditions will be furnished upon request via intercompany memorandum.

Great Plains Communications, Inc.'s detariffed, private carriage broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL services will be offered throughout the entirety of the Company's service area. This includes the following exchanges: Archer, Arnold, Bancroft, Beemer, Belgrade, Bloomfield, Byron, Callaway, Cedar Rapids, Center, Chapman, Chester, Cody, Cotesfield, Creighton, Crofton, Crookston, Culbertson, Deshler, Dodge, Elgin, Ewing, Gordon, Grant, Hay Springs, Hayes Center, Herman, Huntley/Ragan, Imperial, Indianola, Kilgore, Merriman, Mirage Flats, Niobrara, North Bend, Oakdale, Oconto, Page, Palisade, Petersburg, Ponca, Primrose, Red Cloud, Rushville, Scribner, Snyder, Spalding, St. Edward, Stapleton, Stratton, Sutherland, Trenton, Tryon, Venango, Verdigre, Walnut, Wausa, Wilcox, Winnetoon, Wisner, Wolbach, Wood Lake and Wynot.

The discontinuance of the tariffed offering of broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service will have no effect upon these services or the manner in which you purchase them.



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